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SUBJECT: GDR REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP

1. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER MILITARY COUP IN CHILE,  
SED CC ISSUED STATEMENT EXPRESSING INDIGNATION ABOUT  
OVERTHROW OF A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, CLAIMING IT WAS  
WORK OF REACTIONARIES SUPPORTED BY FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY  
U.S., IMPERIALISM, AND EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE  
VICTORY OF CHILEAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM,  
INDEPENDENCE AND PROGRESS. PROMINENT AND MASSIVE  
COVERAGE OF CHILEAN EVENTS BY GDR MEDIA HAS BEEN TAILORED  
ALONG SAME LINES. SEPTEMBER 13 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND)  
FRONT-PAGE REPORT HIGHLIGHTED "MURDER" OF ALLENDE,  
DRACONIAN MEASURES OF "TERROR REGIME" TO SUPPRESS POPULAR  
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RESISTANCE, ALLEGED U.S. FOREKNOWLEDGE OF COUP, AND

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR COUP BY MAJOR FRG NEWSPAPERS. REPORT ACCOMPANIED BY ALLENDE'S OBITUARY. IN ADDITION, ND CARRIED REPORTS ABOUT PROTEST DECLARATIONS AND MEETINGS IN GDR AND ABROAD, AS WELL AS PAGE-LONG "FACT SHEET" DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE ALLENDE'S PROGRESSIVE POLICIES AND CONSTANT EFFORTS BY REACTIONARIES AND U.S. TO TORPEDO THEM.

2. EAST GERMAN MEDIA CONTINUED HEAVY COVERAGE SEPTEMBER 14, CONCENTRATING LARGELY ON "SOLIDARITY" RALLIES ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT GDR. PRESS AGAIN HEADLINED ISSUE, WITH CONDOLENCE TELEGRAMS SENT BY SED CHIEF HONECKER TO CHILEAN COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES DOMINATING FRONT PAGE. ND CARRIED IN FULL STATEMENTS AT MASS RALLIES BY POLITBURO MEMBER KROLIKOWSKI IN DRESDEN, POLITBURO CANDIDATE TISCH IN ROSTOK, AND LOCAL PARTY CHIEFS IN LEIPZIG AND HALLE, ALL ACCUSING U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND MONOPOLISTS OF INVOLVEMENT IN ALLENDE'S FALL. ND ALSO FOCUSED ON "ROUTINE MANEUVERS" OF U.S. SHIPS NEAR CHILE, STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON ABOUT U.S. ECONOMIC PRESSURES ON ALLENDE, AND ITT AND CIA EFFORTS TO TOPPLE UNIDAD POPULAR AS "PROOF" THAT U.S. "PULLED WIRES OF MILITARY COUP." ND ALSO REPORTED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HARE AS SAYING THAT U.S., INCLUDING CIA, WAS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH COUP, BUT THAT HE "COULD NOT SPEAK FOR PRIVATE U.S. CIRCLES."

3. COMMENT. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL IDEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS, GDR ALSO HAS MORE SELFISH REASONS FOR BEING CHAGRINED OVER CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS. IN CULTIVATING UNIDAD POPULAR, GDR HAS MADE SIZEABLE --AT LEAST BY GDR STANDARDS-- ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN CHILE INCLUDING NOT ONLY CREDITS BUT ALSO "SOLIDARITY CONTRIBUTIONS" (BERLIN A-44, SANTIAGO A-110). WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY LAST MONTH CHILE RECEIVED GDR DONATION OF FOOD AND MEDICINE WORTH 12 MILLION DOLLARS. AT SAME TIME, GDR APPARENTLY ALREADY ATTEMPTING MAKE VIRTUE OF NECESSITY BY EXPLOITING CHILEAN COUP FOR ITS PURPOSES IN DOMESTIC AND INNER-GERMAN CONTEXT. SEPTEMBER 13 ND, FOR EXAMPLE, CARRIED COMMENTARY WHICH DRAWS PARALLEL BETWEEN CHILEAN EVENTS AND SUPPRESSED OFFICIAL USE

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SION OF WORKERS MOVEMENT IN WEIMAR REPUBLIC AND THIRD REICH, CONCLUDED THAT IMPERIALISM HAS NOT CHANGED ITS SPOTS, AND THUS SOUGHT FURTHER TO IMPRESS UPON POPULATION NEED FOR IDEOLOGICAL VIGILANCE AND ABGRENZUNG. SPEAKERS AT MASS RALLIES ALSO MADE SIMILAR COMMENT.KLEIN

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